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National Security Decision Memorandum 97

TO: The Members of the National Security Council  
The Attorney General  
The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency  
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Safeguard Review

As a result of the review of the Safeguard program conducted by the National Security Council I have decided, on the following Safeguard Program subject to Congressional authorization where required:

1. Continue construction at the sites at Grand Forks, North Dakota and Malmstrom, Montana.
2. Commence (in 1971) the construction already authorized for the site at Whiteman, Missouri.
3. Begin (in 1972) advance preparation on the National Command Authority defense at Washington, D. C. or construction on the site at Warren, Wyoming. I will decide between these alternatives based upon a review of developments in SALT.

To insure a clear and coherent presentation of my decision in connection with the budget I direct that an interagency coordinating committee be formed under the direction of a representative of the Secretary of Defense with membership composed of representatives from appropriate agencies and appropriate elements of the Executive Office of the President.

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cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
The Senior Members, U.S. Delegation  
to the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks

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